REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 11-24 are pending in the application. Claim 23 has been amended. Claims 1-10 and 25-44 have been canceled without prejudice.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the honorable Examiner subjected claims 1-44 to a 3-way restriction requirement, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-10;
- II. Claims 11-24;
- III. Claims 25-44.

Applicants hereby elect claims 11-24. Remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants intend to pursue some or all of the canceled claims in one or more divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

To discuss any matter pertaining to the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431.

Having made an effort to bring the application in condition for allowance, a timely notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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